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# **FOUR CHARGED IN BANK FRAUD SCHEME**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on August 7, 2003, a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a five count indictment against ROCHELLE BROWN, DOB 9/20/73, of Mesa, Arizona; ANDREA YOUNG, DOB 5/6/78, of Phoenix, Arizona; TA-TANISHA SEIBERT, DOB 2/23/76, of Mesa, Arizona; and KHARBREL HAYWOOD, DOB 12/16/77, of Tempe, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that defendants conspired to defraud Motorola Employees Credit Union and Desert Schools Federal Credit Union by transferring funds from customer accounts at one institution to accounts the defendants controlled at the other institution. According to the indictment, it was a part of the conspiracy that the defendants would use ROCHELLE BROWN's position as a Collections Specialist at Motorola Employees Credit Union to obtain customer information and then use that customer information without lawful authority to effect transactions on accounts without the account holder's knowledge, consent, or authority.

The federal indictment charges all four defendants with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 371 (Conspiracy), and 1344 (Bank Fraud).

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A conviction for Conspiracy carries a maximum penalty of 5 year(s), a \$250,000 fine or both, and a conviction for Bank Fraud carries a maximum penalty of 30 years, a \$1,000,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. The defendants were summoned to appear and answer the charges.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the United States Secret Service.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel R. Drake, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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